

Who put away Nehemiah. strange wiues.

21 And of the sonnes of Harim, Maasiah, and Eliah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziab.

22 And of the sonnes of Basher: Eliezer, Maasiah, Ishmael, Bethaneel, Jozabad and Elalah.

23 Also of the Leuites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiab (the same is Kelitah) Bethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also, Eliahib, and of the porters, Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover of Israel, of the sonnes of Parosh, Ramiah, and Jehiah, and Malchiah, and Giamin, and Eleazar, and Malchiah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sonnes of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sonnes of Zattu: Eliezer, Eliahib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the sonnes also of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, & Athlai.

29 And of the sonnes of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiab, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sonnes of Pahath Moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah,

Maasiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And of the sonnes of Harim: Eliezer, Ishuah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemaiah.

33 Of the sonnes of Basher: Mattaniah, Mattatha, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

34 Of the sonnes of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedaiah, Chelluh,

36 Maniah, Beremoth, Eliahib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiab,

40 || Malchadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemaiah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 Of the sonnes of Rebo, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All these had taken strange wiues: and some of them had wiues, by whom they had children.

Or, Malchadebai, according to some copies.

Deut. 25. &c.

Deut. 4.



THE BOOKE OF Nehemiah.

CHAP. I.

1 Nehemiah, vnderstanding by Hanani, the misery of Ierusalem, mourneth, fasteth and prayeth. 5 His prayer.



he words of Nehemiah the sonne of Hachaliah. And it came to passe in the moneth Chisleu, in the twentieth yeere, as I was in Shushan the palace;

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren came, he and certaine men of Judah, and

I asked them concerning the Iewes that had escaped, which were left of the captiuitie, and concerning Ierusalem.

3 And they said vnto me, The remnant that are left of the captiuitie there in the prouince, are in great affliction and reproch: the wall of Ierusalem also * is broken downe, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire.

4 And it came to passe when I heard these words, that I late downe and wept; and mourned certaine dayes, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heauen,

5 And said, I beseech thee, * O LORD God of heauen, the great and terrible

* 2. King. 25. 9.

* Dan. 9. 4.

Nehemiahs prayer: Chap. ij. His request.

terrible God, that keepeth couenant and mercie for them that loue him, and obserue his commandements:

6 Let thine eare now be attentue, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest heare the prayer of thy seruant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy seruants, and confesse the sinnes of the children of Israel, which wee haue sinned against thee: both I, and my fathers house haue sinned.

7 we haue dealt very corruptly against thee, and haue not kept the commandements, nor the statutes, nor the iudgements, which thou commandedst thy seruant Moyses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy seruant Moyses, saying, *If yee transgresse, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But if ye turne vnto me, and keepe my commandements, and doe them: *though there were of you cast out vnto the vttermost part of the heauen, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them vnto the place that I haue chosen, to set my Name there.

10 Now these are thy seruants, and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine eare be attentue to the prayer of thy seruant, and to the prayer of thy seruants, who desire to feare thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy seruant this day, and grant him mercie in the sight of this man. For I was the kings cup-bearer.

CHAP. II.

1 Artaxerxes vnderstanding the cause of Nehemiahs sadnesse, sendeth him with letters and commission to Ierusalem. 9 Nehemiah, to the griepe of the enemies, commeth to Ierusalem. 12 Hee vieweth secretly the ruines of the walles. 17 He inciteth the Iewes to build in despite of the enemies.

And it came to passe, in the moneth Nisan, in the twentieth yeere of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I tooke vp the wine, and gaue it vnto the King: now I had not bene beforetime sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said vnto me, why is thy countenance sadde, seeing thou art not sicke: this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

3 And said vnto the king, Let the king liue for ever: Why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers Sepulchres, lyeth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire:

4 Then the king said vnto me, For what doest thou make request: So I prayed to the God of heauen.

5 And I said vnto the king, If it please the king, and if thy seruant haue found fauour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me vnto Iudah vnto the City of my fathers sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king saide vnto mee (the † Queene also sitting by him) For how long shall thy iourney bee: and when wilt thou returne: So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a time.

7 Moreover I saide vnto the king, If it please the king, let letters be giuen mee to the gouernours beyond the Riuer, that they may conuey me ouer, till I come into Iudah;

8 And a letter vnto Asaph the keeper of the kings forrest, that he may giue me timber to make beames for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the Citie, and for the house that I shall enter into: And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God vpon me.

9 Then I came to the gouernours beyond the riuer, and gaue them the kings letters: (now the king had sent captaines of the army, and horsemen with me.)

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the seruant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, that there was come a man, to seeke the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Ierusalem, and was there three dayes.

12 And I arose in the night, I, and some few men with mee, neither tolde I any man what God had put in my heart to doe at Ierusalem: neither was there any beast with mee, saue the beast that I rode vpon.

13 And I went out by night, by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon

† Hebr. wife.

gon well, and to the douny-port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken downe, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountaine, and to the kings poole: but there was no place for the beast that was vnder me, to passe.

15 Then went I by in the night by the brooke, and viewed the wall, and turned backe, and entred by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did, neither had I as yet tolde it to the Jewes, nor to the Priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the worke.

17 Then said I vnto them, See see the distresse that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire: come, and let vs bulde by the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproch.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God, which was good vpon me: as also the kings wordes that he had spoken vnto me. And they said, Let vs rise by and bulde. So they strengthened their hands for this good worke.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the seruant the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard it, they laughed vs to scorne, and despised vs, and said, what is this thing that yee doe: Will ye rebell against the king:

20 Then answered I them, and said vnto them, The God of heauen, he will prosper vs, therefore wee his seruants will arise and build: But you haue no portion, nor right, nor memoriall in Jerusalem.

CHAP. III.

1 The names and order of them that builded the wall.

Then Eliashib the hie priest, rose by with his brethren the Priests, and they built the sheepe-gate, they sanctified it, & set by the doores of it, euen vnto the towre of Beah they sanctified it, vnto the towre of * Hana-neel.

2 And † next vnto him builded the men of Jericho: and next to them builded Zaccur the sonne of Imri.

3 But the fish-gate did the sonnes of Hassenaah build, who also laide the beames thereof, and set by the doores

thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

4 And next vnto them repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah, the sonne of Koz: and next vnto them repaired Meshullam the sonne of Berechiah, the sonne of Meshazabeel: and next vnto them repaired Zadok the sonne of Baana.

5 And next vnto them, the Tekoites repaired: but their nobles put not their neckes to the worke of their LORD.

6 Moreover the olde gate repaired Jehoiada the sonne of Paseah, and Meshullam the sonne of Besodai: they laide the beames thereof, and set by the doores thereof, and the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

7 And next vnto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Bizpah, vnto the throne of the gouernour on this side the Riner.

8 Next vnto him repaired Uzziel the sonne of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths: next vnto him also repaired Hananiah, the sonne of one of the Apothecaries, and they || fortified Jerusalem vnto the broad wall.

9 And next vnto them repaired Rephaiah the sonne of Hur, the ruler of the halfe part of Jerusalem.

10 And next vnto them repaired Jedaiah the sonne of Harumaph, euen ouer against his house: and next vnto him repaired Mattath the sonne of Bhabniah.

11 Balchiah the sonne of Harim, and Hashub the son of Bhabath Moab, repaired the † other piece, & the towre of the furnaces.

12 And next vnto him repaired Shallum the sonne of Balloesh the ruler of the halfe part of Jerusalem, hee, and his daughters.

13 The valley-gate repaired Hanan, and the inhabitants of Zanoah: they built it, and set by the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall, vnto the douny-gate.

14 But the douny-gate repaired Balchiah the sonne of Bechab, the ruler of part of Beth-hacerem: hee built it, and set by the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountaine repaired Shallum the sonne of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Bizpah: hee built

* Iere. 3. 38.

† Hebr. at his hand.

|| Or, left Jerusalem vnto the broad wall.

† Hebr. second measure.

*John 9.7.

built it, and couered it, and set vp the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof, and the wall of the poole of *Siloah by the kings garden, and vnto the staires that goe downe from the citie of David.

*2. King.
20.20.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the sonne of Azbub, the ruler of the halfe part of Beth-zur, vnto the place ouer against the sepulchres of David, and to the poole that was made, *and vnto the house of the mightie.

17 After him repaired the Leuites, Behum the sonne of Bani: next vnto him repaired Hashabiah the ruler of the halfe part of Keilah in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bauai, the sonne of Henadad the ruler of the halfe part of Keilah.

19 And next to him repaired Ezer the sonne of Ieshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece, ouer against the going vp to the armorie, at the turning of the wall.

|| Or, Zaccai.

20 After him Baruch the sonne of Zabbai, earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall vnto the doore of the house of Eliashib the high Priest.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the sonne of Uriah, the sonne of Roz, another piece, from the doore of the house of Eliashib, euen to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him repaired the Priests, the men of the plaine.

23 After him repaired Benjamin, and Hashub, ouer against their house: after him repaired Azariah the sonne of Maaseiah, the sonne of Ananiah, by his house.

24 After him repaired Binnui the sonne of Henadad, another piece from the house of Azariah, vnto the turning of the wall, euen vnto the corner.

*Iere. 32.
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25 Palai the sonne of Uzai, ouer against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lyeth out, from the kings hie house, that was by the *court of the prison: after him, Pedaiiah the sonne of Barosh.

*2. Chron.
27.3.
|| Or, the tower.

26 Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in *Dophel, vnto the place ouer against the water gate, toward the East, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, ouer against the great tower that lieth out, euen vnto the wall of Dophel.

28 From aboue the horlegate repaired the Priests, euery one ouer against his house.

29 After them repaired Zadok the sonne of Immer, ouer against his house: after him repaired also Shemiah, the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the sonne of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth sonne of Zalaph, another piece: after him repaired Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah ouer against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Balchiah, the goldsmiths sonne, vnto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, ouer against the gate Miphkad, and to the going vp of the || corner.

|| Or, corner chamber.

32 And betweene the going vp of the corner vnto the sheepe-gate, repaired the goldsmithes and the merchants.

C H A P. IIII.

1 While the enemies scoffe, Nehemiah prayeth and continueth the worke. 7 Vnderstanding the wrath and secrets of the enemy, hee setteth a watch. 13 Hee armeth the labourers, 19 and giueth military precepts.

BUt it came to passe, that when Sanballat heard, that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and tooke great indignation, and mocked the Jewes.

2 And he spake before his brethren, and the army of Samaria, and said, what doe these feeble Jewes: wil they fortifie themselves: wil they sacrifice: wil they make an end in a day: wil they reuine the stones, out of the heapes of the rubbish, which are burnt:

† Hebr. leane to themselves.

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Euen that which they build, if a fore goe vp, he shall euen breake downe their stone wall.

4 Heare, O our God, for we are † despised: and turne their reproch vpon their owne head, and giue them for a pray, in the land of captiuitie.

† Hebr. despighr.

5 And couer not their iniquitie, and let not their sinne bee blotted out from before thee: for they haue prouoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall, and all the wall was ioyned together vnto the halfe therof: for the people had a minde to worke.

† Hebr. ascended.

7 But it came to passe that when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walles of Jerusalem † were made by, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

† Hebr. so make an error to it.

8 And conspired all of them together, to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and † to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless, we made our prayer vnto our God, and set a watch against them, day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our aduersaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the worke to cease.

|| Or, that from all places ye must returne to vs.

12 And it came to passe that when the Jewes which dwelt by them, came, they said vnto vs ten times, || From all places, whence yee shall returne vnto vs, they will be vpon you.

† Heb. from the lower parts of the place, &c.

13 Therefore set I † in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I euen set the people, after their families, with their swords, their speares, and their bowes.

14 And I looked, and rose by, and said vnto the Nobles, and to the rulers, and to rest of the people, Bee not ye afraid of them: Remember the Lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sonnes and your daughters, your wives & your houses.

15 And it came to passe when our enemies heard that it was known vnto vs, and God had brought their counsell to nought, that we returned all of vs to the wall, every one vnto his worke.

16 And it came to passe from that time forth, that the halfe of my seruants wrought in the worke, and the other halfe of them held both the speares, the shields and the bowes, and the habergeons, and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the worke, and with the other hand held a weapon.

† Heb. on his loynes.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded † by his side, and so builded: and he that sounded the trumpet was by mee.

19 And I said vnto the Nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The worke is great and large, and we are separated vpon the wall, one farre from another:

20 In what place therefore ye heare the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither vnto vs: our God shall fight for vs.

21 So we laboured in the worke: and halfe of them held the speares, from the rising of the morning, til the starres appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I vnto the people, Let every one, with his servant, lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to vs, and labour on the day.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my seruants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of vs put off our clothes, || sauing that every one put them off for washing.

|| Or, every one went with his weapon for water.

CHAP. V.

1 The Jewes complaine of their debt, mortgage, and bondage. 6 Nehemiah rebuketh the v-surers, and causeth them to make a couenant of restitution. 14 Hee forbeareth his owne allowance, and keepeth hospitalitie.

And there was a great crie of the people, and of their wives, against their brethren the Jewes.

2 For there were that said, we, our sonnes, and our daughters are many: therefore we take by corne for them, that we may eat, and liue.

3 Some also there were that saide, we haue mortgaged our landes, vineyards and houses, that we might buy corne, because of the dearth.

4 There were also that said, we haue borrowed money for the kings tribute, and that vpon our lands and vineyards.

5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and loe, we bring into bondage our sonnes and our daughters, to be seruants, and some of our daughters are brought vnto bondage already, neither is it in our power to redeeme them: for other men haue our lands and vineyards.

6 And I was very angry, when I heard their crie, and these words.

7 Then † I consulted with my selfe, and rebuked the Nobles, and the rulers,

† Heb. my heart consulted in me.

lers, and said vnto them, Pou exact v-
surie, euery one of his brother. And I
set a great assembly against them:

8 And I said vnto them, Wee, after
our abilitie, haue* redeemed our bre-
thren the Jewes, which were sold vn-
to the heathen; and will you euen sell
your brethren: or shall they be sold vn-
to vs: Then held they their peace, and
found nothing to answere.

9 Also I said, It is not good that
yee doe: ought yee not to walke in the
feare of our God, because of the reproch
of the heathen our enemies:

10 I likewise, and my brethren, and
my seruants, might exact of them mo-
ney and come: I pray you let vs leaue
off this vsurie.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, euen
this day, their lands, their vineyards,
their olue-yards, and their houses, al-
so the hundredth part of the money, and
of the corne, the wine, and the oyle, that
ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, Wee will restore
them, and will require nothing of them;
so will we doe, as thou sayest. Then I
called the Priests, and tooke an oath of
them, that they should doe according to
this promise.

13 Also I shooke my lap, and said,
So God shake out euery man from his
house, and from his labour, that perfor-
meth not this promise, euen thus be he
shaken out, and emptied. And all the
Congregation said, Amen, and praised
the LORD. And the people did accor-
ding to this promise.

14 Moreover, from the time that
I was appointed to be their gouernor
in the land of Iudah, from the twen-
tieth yeere euen vnto the two and thir-
tieth yere of Artaxerxes the king, that is,
twelue yeres, I and my brethren, haue
not eaten the bread of the gouernour:

15 But the former gouernours that
had bene before me, were chargeable vn-
to the people, and had taken of them
bread, and wine, beside fourtie shekels
of siluer, yea euen their seruants bare
rule ouer the people: but so did not I,
because of the feare of God.

16 Yea also I continued in the worke
of this wall, neither bought wee any
land: and all my seruants were gathe-
red thither vnto the worke.

17 Moreover, there were at my ta-
ble, an hundred and fiftie of the Jewes
and rulers, besides those that came vn-

to vs from among the heathen that are
about vs.

18 Now that which was prepared
for me daily, was one oxe, and sixe choice
sheepe; also fowles were prepared for
mee, and once in ten dayes, store of all
sorts of wine: yet for all this required
not I the bread of the gouernour, be-
cause the bondage was heauy vpon this
people.

19 *Thinke vpon mee, my God, for
good, according to all that I haue done
for this people.

CHAP. VI.

1 Sanballat practiseth by craft, by rumours, by
hired prophecies, to terrifie Nehemiah. 15
The worke is finished to the terrour of the
enemies. 17 Secret intelligence passeth be-
tweene the enemies, and the nobles of Iudah.

NOW it came to passe when
Sanballat, and Tobiah,
and Geshem the Arabian,
and the rest of our ene-
mies heard, that I had
builded the wall, and that there was
no breach left therein: (though at that
time I had not set vp the doores vpon
the gates.)

2 That Sanballat, and Geshem
sent vnto me, saying, Come, let vs meet
together in some one of the villages in
the plaine of Ono: But they thought
to doe me mischief.

3 And I sent messengers vnto them,
saying, I am doing a great worke, so
that I can not come down: Why should
the worke cease, whilst I leaue it, and
come downe to you?

4 Yet they sent vnto me foure times,
after this sort; and I answered them af-
ter the same maner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his seruant
vnto me, in like manner, the fifth time,
with an open letter in his hand:

6 wherein was written; It is re-
ported among the heathen, and Gash-
mu sayth it, that thou and the Jewes
thinke to rebell: for which cause thou
buildest the wall, that thou mayest be
their King, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed pro-
phets to preach of thee at Jerusalem,
saying, There is a King in Iudah. And
now shall it be reported to the king, ac-
cording to these wordes. Come now
therefore, and let vs take counsell to-
gether.

¶ 2 8 Then

*Leuit. 25.
48.

*Chap. 13.
22.

†Heb. empty
or void.

|| Or, Ge-
shem, ver. 2.

8 Then I sent vnto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine owne heart.

9 For they all made vs afraid, saying, Their handes shall be weakened from the worke that it bee not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 Afterward I came vnto the house of Shemaiah the sonne of Delaiah, the sonne of Shehazbanel, who was shut vp, and he said, Let vs meet together in the house of God, within the Temple, and let vs shut the doores of the Temple; for they will come to slay thee, yea in the night wil they come to slay thee.

11 And I said, Should such a man as I, flee: and who is there, that being as I am, would goe into the Temple to saue his life: I will not goe in.

12 And loe, I perceiued that God had not sent him, but that he pronounced this propheticke against mee: for Tobiah, and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore was hee hired, that I should be afraid, and doe so, and sinne, and that they might haue matter for an euill report, that they might reproch mee.

14 By God, thinke thou vpon Tobiah, and Sanballat, according to these their workes, and on the prophetesse Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would haue put me in feare.

15 So the wall was finished, in the twentieth and fifth day of the moneth Elul, in fiftie and two dayes.

16 And it came to passe that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen, that were about vs, saw these things, they were much cast downe in their owne eyes: for they perceiued that this worke was wrought of our God.

† Hebr. multiplied letters passing to Tobiah.

17 Moreover, in those dayes the nobles of Iudah † sent many letters vnto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came vnto them.

18 For there were many in Iudah sworne vnto him: because hee was the sonne in law of Shechaniah the sonne of Arah, and his sonne Iohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah.

|| Or, matters.

19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my || wordes to him: and Tobiah sent letters to put me in feare.

C H A P. VII.

1 Nehemiah committeth the charge of Ierusalem to Hanani and Hananiah. 5 A register of the genealogie of them which came at the first out of Babylon, 9 of the people. 39 of the Priests. 43 of the Leuites. 46 of the Nethinims. 57 of Solomons seruants. 63 and of the Priests which could not find their pedegree. 66 The whole number of them, with their substance. 70 Their oblations.

NOW it came to passe when the wall was built, and I had set vp the doores; and the porters, and the singers, and the Leuites were appointed,

2 That I gaue my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge ouer Ierusalem (for hee was a faithfull man, and feared God aboue many.)

3 And I said vnto them, Let not the gates of Ierusalem be opened, vntill the Sunne bee hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doores, and barre them. And appoint watches of the inhabitants of Ierusalem, euery one in his watch, and euery one to bee ouer against his house.

4 Now the city was large and great, but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

† Hebr. broad in places.

5 And my God put into mine heart, to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, & the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogie. And I found a register of the genealogie of them which came vp at the first, and found written therein;

6 * These are the children of the province, that went vp out of the captiuitie, of those that had beene caried away whom Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon had caried away, and came againe to Ierusalem and to Iudah, euery one vnto his citie:

* Ezra 2.1. &c.

7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Ieshua, Nehemiah, || Azariah, Baaniah, Rahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Biguai, Rahum, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel, was this:

|| Or, Seruants.

8 The children of Parosh, two thousand, an hundred, seuentie and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred, seuentie and two.

10 The children of Arah, five hundred, fiftie and two.

11 The

11 The children of Pahath-Boab, of the children of Ieshua, and Joab, two thousand, and eight hundred, and eightene.

12 The children of Elam, a thousand, two hundred, fiftie and foure.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred fourtie and five.

14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

15 The children of Binnui, six hundred, fourty and eight.

16 The children of Bebai, six hundred, twentie and eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thousand, three hundred, twentie and two.

18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred, threescore and seven.

19 The children of Biguai, two thousand, threescore and seven.

20 The children of Adin, six hundred, fiftie and five.

21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninetie and eight.

22 The children of Hashum, three hundred, twentie and eight.

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twentie and foure.

24 The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelue.

25 The children of Gibeon, ninetie and five.

26 The men of Bethlehem, and Netophah, an hundred, fourescore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred, twentie and eight.

28 The men of Bethazmaueth, fourtie and two.

29 The men of Kirjath-earim, Chephirah and Beeroth, seven hundred fourtie and three.

30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred, twentie and one.

31 The men of Michmash, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred, twentie and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fiftie and two.

34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand, two hundred, fiftie & foure.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twentie.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred, fourtie and five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred, twentie and one.

38 The children of Senaa, three

thousand, nine hundred, and thirty.

39 The Priests. The children of *Jedaia, of the house of Ieshua, nine hundred, seuentie and three.

40 The children of Immer, a thousand, fiftie and two.

41 The children of Pashur, a thousand, two hundred, fourtie and seven.

42 The children of Harim, a thousand, and seuentie.

43 The Levites. The children of Ieshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodeuiah, seuentie and foure.

44 The singers. The children of Asaph, an hundred, fourtie and eight.

45 The porters. The children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred, thirtie and eight.

46 The Nethinims. The children of Ziba, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,

48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmi,

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Belai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephtesim,

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

54 The children of Baslith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziab, the children of Hatipha.

57 The children of Solomons seruants: The children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Poche-

reth Zebaim, the children of Amon,

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomons seruants, were three hundred ninetie and two.

61 *And these were they which went

*1. Chro. 24.7.

|| Or, Hoda-
uiah, Ezra
2.4. Or, In-
dah, Ezra.
3.9

|| Or, Ami.

*Ezra. 2.
43.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The religious maner of reading and hearing the Law. 9 They comfort the people. 13 The forwardnesse of them to heare and be instructed. 16 They keepe the feast of Tabernacles.

AND all the people gathered themselves together, as one man, into the street that was before the water gate,* and they spake vnto Ezra the scribe, to bring the booke of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

* Ezra 3.1. and 7.6.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the Law before the Congregation, both of men and women, and all† that could heare with vnderstanding, vpon the first day of the seventh moneth.

† Heb. that vnderstood in hearing.

3 And hee read therein before the street that was before the water gate,† from the morning vntill midday, before the men and the women, and those that could vnderstand: And the eares of all the people were attentiu vnto the booke of the law.

† Heb. from the light.

4 And Ezra the scribe, stood vpon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand: and on his left hand, Pedaiiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Bethullam.

† Heb. some of wood.

5 And Ezra opened the booke in the† sight of all the people (for hee was a boue al the people) and when he opened it, all the people stood by:

† Hebr. qu.

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD the great God: and al the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting vp their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD, with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Ieshua and Bani, and She-rebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Delaiah, and the Leuites, caused the people to vnderstand the law: and the people stood in their place.

8 So they read in the booke, in the Law of God distinctly, and gaue the sense, and caused them to vnderstand the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the Priest the Scribe, and the Leuites that taught the

† Or, the g^o uernour.

by also from Tel-Melah, Tel-Hare-sha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shewe their fathers house, nor their seede, whether they were of Israel.

† Or, peder- gree.

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Beko-da, sixe hundred fourtie and two.

63 And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Boz, the children of Barzillai, which tooke one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register, among those that were reckoned by genealogie, but it was not found: therfore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

† Or, the g^o uernour.

65 And the Tirshatha said vnto them, that they should not eate of the most holy things, till there stood vp a priest with Urim and Thummini.

66 The whole congregation together, was fourtie and two thousand, three hundred and threescore:

67 Beside their man seruants, and their maid seruants, of whome there were seven thousand, three hundred, thirtie and seven: and they had two hundred fourtie and five singing men and singing women.

68 Their horses, seven hundred, thirtie and sixe: their mules, two hundred fourtie and five:

69 Their camels, foure hundred thirtie and five: sixe thousand, seven hundred and twentie asses.

† Hebr. part.

70 And some of the chiefe of the fathers, gaue vnto the worke: The Tirshatha gaue to the treasure, a thousand drammes of gold, fiftie basons, five hundred and thirtie priests garments.

71 And some of the chiefe of the fathers gaue to the treasure of the worke twentie thousand drammes of golde, and two thousand and two hundred pound of siluer.

72 And that which the rest of the people gaue, was twentie thousand drammes of gold, and two thousand pound of siluer, and threescore and seven priests garments.

73 So the priests, and the Leuites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Bethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities: And when the seventh moneth came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

C H A P. IX.

1 A solemne Fast, and repentance of the people. 4 The Levites make a religious confession of Gods goodnes, and their wickednes.

NOW in the *twentie and fourth day of this moneth, the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, & with sackclothes, and earth vpon them.

* Chap. 8. 2

2 And the seede of Israel separated themselves from all † strangers, and stood and confessed their sinnes, and the iniquities of their fathers.

† Heb. stränge children.

3 And they stood vp in their place, and read in the booke of the Law of the LORD their God, one fourth part of the day, and another fourth part they confessed and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 ¶ Then stood vp, vpon the † staires of the Levites, Ieshua and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cryed with a loude voice vnto the LORD their God.

† Or, scaffold.

5 Then the Levites, Ieshua and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Bethahiah, sayde, Stand vp, and blesse the LORD your God for ever and ever, and blessed bee thy glorious Name, which is exalted aboue all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, euen thou art LORD alone, * thou hast made heauen, the heauen of heauens, with all their hoste, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all, and the hoste of heauen worshippeth thee.

* Gen. 1. 1.

7 Thou art the LORD the God, who diddest choose * Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gauest him the name of Abraham:

* Gen. 11. 31. and 12. 1. & 17. 5.

8 And foundest his heart * faithfull before thee, & madest a * couenant with him, to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words, for thou art righteous,

* Gen. 15. 6.

* Gen. 12. 17. and 15. 18. & 17. 9.

9 * And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the red Sea,

* Exod. 3. 7. and 14. 10.

* Exod. 7. 8, 9, 10, 12, & 14. chapters

10 And shewedst signes * and wonders

the people, said vnto all the people, This day is holy vnto the LORD your God, mourne not, nor weepe: for all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

10 Then hee sayd vnto them, Goe your way, eat the fat, & drinke the sweet, and send portions vnto them, for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy vnto our LORD: neither be ye sorry, for the ioy of the LORD is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Holde your peace, for the day is holy, neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eate, and to drinke, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had vnderstood the wordes that were declared vnto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chiefe of the fathers of all the people, the Priestes and the Levites, vnto Ezra the Scribe, euen to vnderstand the wordes of the Law.

14 And they found written in the Law which the LORD had commanded † by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in * boothes, in the feast of the seventh moneth:

15 And that they should publish and proclaime in all their cities, and in Ierusalem, saying, Goe forth vnto the mount, and fetch Oliue branches, and Pine branches, and Myrtle branches, and Palme branches, and branches of thicke trees, to make boothes, as it is written.

16 ¶ So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves boothes, euery one vpon the roofe of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the streete of the water-gate, and in the streete of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come againe out of the captiuitie, made boothes, and late vnder the boothes: for since the dayes of Ieshua the sonne of Nun, vnto that day, had not the children of Israel done so: and there was very great gladnesse.

18 Also day by day from the first day vnto the last day, he read in the booke of the Law of God: and they kept the feast seuen dayes, and on the eight day was † a solemne assembly according vnto the maner.

† Or, that they might instruct in the words of the Law.
† Heb. by the hand of.
* Leuit. 23. 34. deut. 16. 13.

† Heb. are straint.

ders vpon Pharaoh, and on all his seruants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against thee: so didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

* Exod. 14.
22.

11 * And thou didst diuide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the drie land, and their persecutours thou threwest into the deepes, as a stone into the mightie * Waters.

* Exod. 15.
10.
* Exod. 13.
21.

12 Moreover thou * leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night, by a pillar of fire, to giue them light in the way wherein they should go.

* Exod. 20. 1
and 19. 20.

13 Thou * camest downe also vpon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heauen, and gauest them right iudgements, and † true lawes, good statutes and commandements:

† Heb. lawes
of truth.

14 And madest knowne vnto them thy holy Sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and lawes, by the hand of Moses thy seruant:

* Exod. 16.
15. & 17. 6.
num. 20. 9.

15 And * gauest them bread from heauen for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rocke, for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should * goe in to possesse the land, † which thou hadst swozne to giue them.

* Deut. 1. 8
† Heb. which
thou hadst
lift up thine
hand to giue
them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkned not to thy commandements:

* Num. 14.
4.

17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of the wonders that thou didst among them: but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed * a captaine to returne to their bondage: but thou art † a God ready to pardon, gracious and mercifull, slow to anger, and of great kindnes, & forsookest them not.

† Heb. a god
of pardons.

* Exo. 32. 4

18 Yea * when they had made them a molten calfe, and said, This is thy God, that brought thee by out of Egypt, and had wrought great prouocations:

* Exod. 13.
22. num. 14
14. 1. cor.
10. 1.

19 Yet thou, in thy manifold mercies, forsookest them not in the wilderness: the * pillar of the cloude departed not from them by day, to leade them in the way, neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should goe.

* Num. 11.
17.

20 Thou gauest also thy * good spirit, to instruct them, and withheldest not thy * Manna from their mouth, and gauest them water for their thirst.

* Exod. 16.
15. & 17. 6
iohn. 5. 12.

21 Yea fourtie yeeres diddest thou sustaine them in the wilderness, so that

they lacked nothing: their * clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

* Deut. 8. 4

22 Moreover, thou gauest them kingdomes and nations, and diddest diuide them into corners: so they possessed the land of * Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

* Num. 21.
21. & c.

23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the starres of heauen, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should goe in to possesse it.

24 So the children went in, and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the lande, the Canaanites, and gauest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might doe with them, † as they would.

† Heb. according
to their
will.

25 And they tooke strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, || welles digged, vineyards, and Olive yards, and † fruit trees in abundance: So they did eat and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodnesse.

|| Or, cisternes
† Heb. trees
of fruit.

26 Nevertheless, they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backes, and slew thy * prophets, which testified against them to turne them to thee, and they wrought great prouocations.

* 1 King. 19
20.

27 Therefore thou deliueredst them into the hande of their enemies, who vexed them, & in the time of their trouble, when they cried vnto thee, thou heardest them from heauen: and according to thy manifold mercies, thou gauest them sauiours, who saued them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, † they did euill againe before thee: therefore ledest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion ouer them: yet when they returned and cried vnto thee, thou heardest them from heauen, and many times didst thou deliuer them, according to thy mercies:

† Heb. they
returned to
doe euill.

29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them againe vnto thy lawe: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not vnto thy commandements, but sinned against thy iudgements, (which if a man doe, he shall liue in them) † and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their necke, and would not heare.

† Heb. they
gaue a with-
drawing
shoulder.

† Heb. pro-
tract ouer
them.
* 2. King.
17. 13. 2.
Chr. 36. 15.
† Heb. in the
hand of thy
Prophets.

30 Yet many yerres diddest thou † for-
beare them, and testifiedst * against them
by thy Spirit † in thy Prophets: yet
would they not giue eare: therefore ga-
uest thou them into the hand of the peo-
ple of the lands.

31 Neuerthelesse, for thy great mer-
cies sake, thou diddest not utterly con-
sume them, nor forsake them: for thou
art a gracious and mercifull God.

* Exo. 34. 6.

† Heb. wea-
rinesse.
† Heb. that
hath found
us.

32 Now therefore, our God, the
great, the * mightie, and the terrible
God, who keepest couenant and mer-
cie: let not all the † trouble seeme little
before thee, † that hath come vpon vs,
on our Kings, on our Princes, & on our
Priests, and on our Prophets, & on our
fathers, & on al thy people, since the time
of the Kings of Assyria, vnto this day.

33 Howbeit, thou art iust in all that is
brought vpon vs, for thou hast done
right, but we haue done wickedly:

34 Neither haue our kings, our
Princes, our Priests, nor our fathers
kept thy Law, nor hearkened vnto thy
Commandements, and thy Testimo-
nies, wherewith thou didst testifie a-
gainst them.

35 For they haue not serued thee in
their kingdome, and in thy great good-
nesse that thou gauest them, and in the
large and fat land which thou gauest
before them, neither turned they from
their wicked workes.

36 Behold, we are seruants this day;
and for the land that thou gauest vnto
our fathers, to eat the fruit thereof, and
the good thereof, behold, wee are ser-
uants in it.

37 And it yeeldeth much increase vn-
to the kings, whom thou hast set ouer
vs, because of our sinnes: also they haue
dominion ouer our bodie, and ouer
our cattell, at their pleasure; and wee
are in great distresse.

38 And because of all this, wee make
a sure couenant, and write it, and our
Princes, Levites, and Priestes, † seale
vnto it.

† Heb. are
at the sea-
ling, or sea-
led.

CHAP. X.

1 The names of them that sealed the couenant.

29 The points of the couenant.

† Heb. at the
sealing.
|| Or, the go-
uerneur.



Now those † that sealed
were, Nehemiah the Tir-
shatha the sonne of Ha-
chaliah, and Zidkiah,
2 Seraiah, Azariah,
Jeremiah,

3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchiah,
4 Mattath, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abiah, Miamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah:
these were the Priests.

9 And the Levites: both Ieshua
the sonne of Azariah, Binnui, of the
sonnes of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah,
Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

11 Micah, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu,

14 The chiefe of the people. Parosh,
Bahath, Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adoniah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hizkiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshazabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,

24 Halloheh, Pileha, Shobek,

25 Rehun, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 And Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 * And the rest of the people, the
Priests, the Levites, the Porters, the
singers, the Nethinims, and all they
that had separated themselves from
the people of the lands, vnto the Law
of God, their wives, their sonnes, and
their daughters, euery one hauing
knowledge, and hauing vnderstan-
ding.

* Ezr. 2. 43

29 They claue to their brethren their
nobles, and entred into a curse, and into
an oath to walke in Gods law, which
was giuen † by Moses the seruant of
God, and to obserue and doe all the
commandements of the LORD our
Lord, and his Judgements, and his
statutes:

† Heb. by the
hand of.

30 And that we would not giue * our
daughters vnto the people of the land,
nor take their daughters for our
sonnes.

* Exo. 34. 16
deut. 7. 3.

31 * And if the people of the land bring
ware or any victuals on the Sabbath
day, to sell, that we would not buy it of
them on the Sabbath, or on the holy-
day, and that wee would leaue the
seventh yeere, and the * exaction of † eue-
rie debt.

* Exod. 20.
10. leui. 23.
3. deut. 5.
12. nehem.
13. 23.

* Deut. 15. 2
leuit. 25. 4.
† Heb. euery
hand.

32 Also we made ordinances for vs,
to

to charge our selues peereley, with the third part of a shekel, for the seruice of the house of our God,

33 For the shew-bread, and for the continuall meate-offering, and for the continuall burnt offering, of the Sabbathes, of the new moones, for the set-feastes, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings, to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the worke of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed, yeere by yeere, to burne vpon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the *law :

35 And to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruites of all fruit of all trees, yeere by yeere, vnto the house of the LORD.

36 Also the first borne of our sonnes, and of our cattell (as it is written* in the lawe) and the firstlings of our heards, and of our flockes, to bring to the house of our God, vnto the priests that minister in the house of our God :

37 And that we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oyle, vnto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God, and the tithes of our ground vnto the Levites, that the same Levites might haue the tithes, in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the sonne of Aaron, shall be with the Levites, *when the Levites take tithes, and the Levites shall bring by the tithe of the tithes vnto the house of our God, to the chambers into the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israel, and the children of Levi, shall bring the offering of the corne, of the new wine, and the oyle, vnto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuarie, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers, and we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

- 1 The rulers, voluntary men, and the tenth man chosen by Lot, dwell at Ierusalem. 3 A catalogue of their names. 20 The residue dwell in other cities.

And the rulers of the people dwelt at Ierusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of tenne, to dwell in Ierusalem, the holy citie, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves, to dwell at Ierusalem.

3 Now these are the chiefe of the prouince that dwelt in Ierusalem: but in the cities of Iudah dwelt euerie one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Bethinims, and the children of Solomons seruants.

4 And at Ierusalem dwelt certaine of the children of Iudah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Iudah: Athaiah the sonne of Uziah, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Amariah, the sonne of Shephatiah, the sonne of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez.

5 And Maaseiah the sonne of Baruch the sonne of Col-Hozeh, the sonne of Hazaiah the sonne of Adaiah, the sonne of Joiarib, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Shiloni.

6 All the sonnes of Perez that dwelt at Ierusalem, were foure hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sonnes of Benjamin: Sallu the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Joed, the sonne of Pedaiiah, the sonne of Kolaiiah, the sonne of Maaseiah, the sonne of Ithiel, the sonne of Iesaiiah.

8 And after him Gabai, Sallai, nine hundred twentie and eight.

9 And Joel the sonne of Zichri was their ouerseer: and Judah the sonne of Senuah, was second ouer the city.

10 Of the Priests: Jedaiah the sonne of Joiarib, Jachin;

11 Seraiah the sonne of Hilkiah, the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Zadok, the sonne of Beraioth, the sonne of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the worke of the house, were eight hundred twentie and two: and Adaiah the sonne of Jeroham, the sonne of Pelaliah, the sonne of Amzi, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Paschur, the sonne of Malchiah,

13 And

* See num. 28. & 29. chap. and Exod. 23. 19. and Levit. 19. 23.

* Exod. 13. 2. Levit. 23. 17. num. 15. 19. and 18. 12. &c.

* Num. 18. 26.

13 And his brethren, chiefe of the fathers, two hundred fourty and two: and Amathai the sonne of Azareel, the sonne of Ahalai, the sonne of Beshilemoth, the sonne of Immer.

14 And their brethren mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their ouerseer was Zabbiel, the sonne of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the sonne of Hashub, the sonne of Azrikam, the sonne of Hashabiah, the sonne of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethai, and Jozabad, of the chiefe of the Levites, had the ouersight of the outward businesse of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the sonne of Micha, the sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Asaph, was the principall to beginne the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the sonne of Shammua, the sonne of Galai, the sonne of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy City, were two hundred, fourescore and foure.

19 Moreover, the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seuenty and two.

20 And the residue of Israel, of the Priests and the Levites, were in all the cities of Iudah, every one in his inheritance.

21 * But the Rechinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha, and Gispa were ouer the Rechinims.

22 The ouerseer also of the Levites at Ierusalem, was Uzzi the sonne of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the sonne of Mattaniah, the sonne of Micha: Of the sonnes of Asaph, the singers were ouer the businesse of the house of God.

23 For it was the kings commandement concerning them, that a certaine portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

24 And Beshabiah the sonne of Beshababel, of the children of Zerah the sonne of Iudah, was at the kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Iudah dwelt at Kiriath-arba, and in the villages thereof; and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof:

26 And at Ieshua, and at Boladah, and at Beth-pheret,

27 And at Hazer-Shual, and at Beer-sheba, and in the villages thereof:

28 And at Ziglag, and at Bethonah, and in the villages thereof:

29 And at En-Rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fieldes thereof: at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba, vnto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children also of Benjamin, from Geba, dwelt at Michmash, and Aiia, and Beth-el, and in their villages:

32 And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftmen.

36 And of the Levites, were diuisions in Iudah, and in Benjamin.

CHAP. XII.

- 1 The Priests, 8 and the Levites which came vp with Zerubbabel. 10 The succession of his Priests. 22 Certaine chiefe Levites. 27 The solemnitie of the dedication of the walls. 44 The offices of Priests and Levites appointed in the Temple.

NOW these are the Priests and the Levites that went by with Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shecaniah, Behum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginetho, Abiah,

5 Miamin, Madiab, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 Sallu, Amok, Bilkiab, Jedaiah: these were the chiefe of the Priests, and of their brethren in the dayes of Ieshua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Ieshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was ouer the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bakbukiah, and Unni: their brethren, were ouer against them in the watches.

10 And Ieshua begate Joiakim, Joiakim also begate Eliashib, and Eliashib begate Joiada.

11 And Joiada begate Jonathan, and Jonathan begate Jaddua.

12 And in the dayes of Joiakim, were Priests the chiefe of the fathers:

of

|| Or, the sonne of Haggadad.

† Hebr. were ouer.

† Hebr. at the gates.

* See Chap. 2. 26. || Or, the tower.

|| Or, a sure ordinance.

|| Or, of Geba.

|| Or, to Michmash.

* Ezra 2. 1.

|| Or, Meli-ch, ver. 14.

|| Or, Sebaniah, ver. 14.

|| Or, Harim, ver. 15.

|| Or, Merath, ver. 15.

|| Or, Gimethon, ver. 16.

|| Or, Miniamin, ver. 17.

|| Or, Moadiah, ver. 17.

|| Or, Sallai, ver. 20.

|| That is, the Psalmes of thanksgiving.

of Seraiah, Seraiah: of Jeremiah, Hananiah:

13 Of Ezra, Meshullam: of Amariah, Jehohanan:

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan: of Shebaniah, Joseph:

15 Of Barum, Adna: of Peraioth, Helkai:

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah: of Ginne-thon, Meshullam:

17 Of Abijah, Zichri: of Biniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai:

18 Of Bilgah, Shammua: of She-
maiah, Jehonathan:

19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai: of
Jedaiah, Uzzi:

20 Of Sallai, Ballai: of Amok,
Eber:

21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah: of Je-
daiah, Bethanael.

22 **T**he Levites in the dayes of
Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and
Jaddua, were recorded chiefe of the fa-
thers: also the Priests, to the reigne of
Darius the Persian.

* 1. Chro. 9.

23 The sonnes of Levi, the chiefe of
the fathers, were written in the booke
of the ^{*}Chronicles, euen vntill the dayes
of Johanan the sonne of Eliashib.

24 And the chiefe of the Levites:
Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua
the sonne of Kadmiel, with their bre-
thren ouer against them, to praise and to
giue thanks, according to the comman-
dement of Dauid the man of God, ward
ouer against ward.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah,
Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Ak-
kub, were porters keeping the ward, at
the thresholds of the gates.

|| Or, trea-
suries, or af-
semblies.

26 These were in the dayes of Joia-
kim, the sonne of Jeshua, the sonne of
Jozadak, and in the dayes of Nehe-
miah the gouernour, and of Ezra the
Priest, the Scribe.

27 **A**nd at the dedication of the
wall of Jerusalem, they sought the
Levites out of all their places, to bring
them to Jerusalem, to keepe the dedica-
tion with gladnesse, both with thankes-
giuings and with singing, with cymbals,
psalteries, and with harpes.

28 And the sonnes of the Singers
gathered themselves together, both out
of the plaine countrey round about Je-
rusalem, and from the villages of Ne-
tophathi.

29 Also from the house of Gilgal,
and out of the fields of Geba, and Az-

maueth: for the Singers had builded
them villages round about Jerusalem.

30 And the Priests and the Levites
purified themselves, and purified the
people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought vp the princes of
Judah vpon the wall, and appointed
two great companies of them that gaue
thanks, whereof one went on the right
hand vpon the wall toward the dung-
gate:

32 And after them went Hoshaiah,
and halfe of the Princes of Judah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshul-
lam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and She-
maiah, and Jeremiah,

35 And certaine of the Priests sonnes
with trumpets: namely, Zechariah the
sonne of Jonathan, the sonne of She-
maiah, the sonne of Mattaniah, the
sonne of Michaiiah, the sonne of Zac-
cur, the sonne of Asaph:

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and
Asrael, Bilalai, Gilalai, Maai, Ne-
thanael, and Judah, Hanani, with the
musicall instruments of Dauid the man
of God; and Ezra the Scribe before
them.

37 And at the fountaine-gate, which
was ouer against them, they went vp
by the staires of the citie of Dauid, at the
going vp of the wall, aboue the house
of Dauid, euen vnto the water-gate,
Eastward.

38 And the other company of them
that gaue thanks, went ouer against
them, and I after them, and the halfe
of the people vpon the wall, from be-
yond the towre of the fornaces, euen vn-
to the broad wall,

39 And from aboue the gate of E-
phraim, and aboue the olde gate, and a-
boue the fish-gate, and the towre of
Hananeel, and the towre of Meah, euen
vnto the sheepegate; and they stood still
in the prison gate.

40 So stood the two companies of
them that gaue thanks in the house of
God, and I, and the halfe of the ru-
lers with me:

41 And the Priests: Eliakim, Ma-
seiah, Biniamin, Michaiiah, Elioenai,
Zachariah, and Hananiah with trum-
pets:

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah,
and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehoha-
nan, and Malchiah, and Elam, and E-
zer. And the Singers [†]sang loud, with
Ezra-

[†] Heb. made
their voice
to be heard.

Jezrahiah their ouerleer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and reioyced; for God had made them reioyce with great ioy: the wines also and the children reioyced: so that the ioy of Jerusalem was heard euen as farre off.

44 And at that time were some appointed ouer the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah reioyced for the priests, and for the Levites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandement of David, and of Solomon his sonne.

46 For in the dayes of David and Asaph of old, there were chiefe of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving vnto God.

47 And all Israel in the dayes of Zerubbabel, and in the dayes of Nehemiah, gaue the portions of the singers, and the porters, euery day his portion, and they sanctified holy things vnto the Levites, and the Levites sanctified them vnto the children of Aaron.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Vpon the reading of the Law, separation is made from the mixed multitude. 4 Nehemiah at his returne, causeth the chambers to be cleansed. 10 He reformeth the offices in the house of God. 15 The violation of the Sabbath, 23 & the mariages with strange wiues.

¶ That day they read in the booke of Moyses in the audience of the people, and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the Congregation of God for ever, because they met not the children of Israel with bread, and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to passe when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 And before this Eliashib the priest having the ouersight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied vnto Tobiah:

5 And hee had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense and the vessels, and the tithes of the corne, the new wine, and the oyle, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth yeere of Artaxerxes king of Babylon, came I vnto the king, and after certaine dayes, obtained I leaue of the King:

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and vnderstood of the euil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore, therefore I cast forth all the household stuffe of Tobiah out of the chamber:

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers, and thither brought I againe the vessels of the house of God, with the meate offering, and the frankincense.

10 And I perceiued that the portions of the Levites had not bene given them: for the Levites and the singers that did the worke, were fled euery one to his field.

11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corne, and the new wine, and the oyle, vnto the treasures.

13 And I made treasurers ouer the treasures, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Bedaijah: and next to them was Hanan the sonne of Zaccur, the sonne of Matthaniah: for they were counted faithfull, and their office was to distribute vnto their brethren.

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds, that I haue done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

15 In those dayes sawe I in Judah, some treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaues, and lading asses, as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they solde vituals.

† Hebr. the commandment of the Levites.

† Heb. at the end of daies. || Or, I earnestly requested.

† Heb. standing.

|| Or, stores houses.

† Hebr. at their hand.

† Heb. it was upon them.

* Verse 22.

† Heb. kindnesses. || Or, observations.

|| That is, appointed by the law. † Hebr. for the ioy of Judah. † Heb. that stood. * 1 Chron. 24 and 25. chap. * 1 Chron. 25, 1, &c.

|| That is, set apart. * Num. 18. 26.

† Heb. there was read. * Num. 22. 5. deut. 23, 3. † Heb. eares

* Num. 22. 5. iosh. 24, 9

† Heb. being set over.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish and all manner of ware, and solde on the Sabbath vnto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the Nobles of Judah, and sayd vnto them, What euill thing is this that ye doe, and profane the Sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this euill vpon vs, and vpon this citie: yet ye bring more wrath vpon Israel, by profaning the Sabbath.

19 And it came to passe, that when the gates of Jerusalem beganne to be darke before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath: and some of my seruants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the Sabbath day.

20 So the merchants, and sellers of all kinde of ware, lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said vnto them, Why lodge yee [†]about the wall: If ye doe so againe, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the Sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites, that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keepe the gates, to sanctifie the Sabbath day: Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me, according to the greatnesse of thy mercie.

23 ¶ In those dayes also sawe I

Jewes that [†]had married wiues of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

24 And their children spake halfe in the speech of Ashdod, and [†]could not speake in the Jewes language, but according to the language [†]of ech people.

25 And I contended with them, and ^{||} cursed them, and smote certeine of them, and pluckt off their haire, and made them sweare by God, saying, Wee shall not giue your daughters vnto their sonnes, nor take their daughters vnto your sonnes, or for your selues.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sinne by these things: yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloued of his God, and God made him king ouer all Israel: ^{*} neuerthelesse, euen him did outlandish women cause to sinne.

27 Shall wee then hearken vnto you, to doe all this great euill, to transgresse against our God, in marrying strange wiues?

28 And one of the sonnes of Joiada, the sonne of Eliashib the high Priest, was sonne in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therfore I chaled him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, [†]because they haue defiled the Priesthood, and the couenant of the Priesthood, and of the Levites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the Priests and the Levites, euery one in his businesse:

31 And for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

[†] Heb. before the wall.

^{||} Or, multitude.

[†] Heb. had made to dwell with them.
[†] Heb. they discerned not to speake.
[†] Heb. of people and people.
^{||} Or, reuiled them.

^{*} 1. King. 11. 1, &c.

[†] Heb. for the defiling.

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THE BOOKE OF Esther.

CHAP. I.

1 Ahasuerus maketh royall feasts. 10 Vasthi,
sent for, refuseth to come. 13 Ahasuerus,
by the counsell of Memucan, maketh the
decree of mens soueraignie.



NOW it came to
passe in the dayes
of Ahasuerus,
(this is Ahasue-
rus which reig-
ned from India,
euen vnto Ethio-
pia, ouer an hun-
dred, and seuen
and twentie prouinces.)

2 That in those dayes, when the
King Ahasuerus sate on the throne of
his kingdome, which was in Shushan
the palace:

3 In the third yeere of his reigne,
he made a feast vnto all his Princes, and
his seruants, the power of Persia and
Media, the Nobles and Princes of the
prouinces being before him.

4 When he shewed the riches of his
glorious kingdome, and the honour of
his excellent maiestie, many dayes, euen
an hundred and fourescore dayes.

5 And when these dayes were ex-
pired, the king made a feast vnto all the
people that were [†] present in Shushan
the palace, both vnto great and small,
seuen dayes, in the court of the garden
of the kings palace,

6 Where were white, greene and ^{||} blew
hangings, fastened with cords of fine lin-
nen, and purple, to silver rings, and pil-
lers of marble: the beds were of gold
and silver, vpon a pauement of ^{||} red,
and blew, and white, and blacke
marble.

7 And they gaue them drinke in ves-
sels of gold, (the vessels being diuers
one from another) and [†] royall wine in

abundance, according to the [†] state of
the king.

8 And the drinking was according to
the law, none did compell: for the king
had appointed to all the officers of his
house, that they should doe according to
euery mans pleasure.

9 Also Vasthi the Queene made a
feast for the women, in the royall house
which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

10 **C**On the seventh day, when the
heart of the King was merry with
wine, he commanded Behuman, Biz-
tha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha,
Zethar, and Carcas, the seuen ^{||} cham-
berlens that serued in the presence of A-
hasuerus the king,

11 To bring Vasthi the Queene be-
fore the king, with the Crowne royall,
to shew the people, and the Princes her
beautie: for she was [†] faire to looke on.

12 But the Queene Vasthi refused
to come at the Kings commandement
[†] by his chamberlens: therefore was
the King very wroth, and his anger
burned in him.

13 **T**hen the king saide to the wise
men, which knew the times (for so was
the Kings maner towards all that
knew law, and iudgement:

14 And the next vnto him, was Car-
shena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarchis,
Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the
seuen * Princes of Persia, and Media,
which saw the Kings face, and which
sate the first in the kingdome.)

15 [†] What shall wee doe vnto the
Queene Vasthi, according to law, be-
cause she hath not performed the com-
mandement of the king Ahasuerus, by
the chamberlens?

16 And Memucan answered before
the king and the Princes: Vasthi the
Queene hath not done wrong to the
king onely, but also to all the Princes,
and to all the people that are in all the

[†] Hebr. accord-
ing to the
hand of the
king.

^{||} Or, Eu-
nuches.

[†] Hebr. good
of counse-
nance.

[†] Hebr.
which was
by the hand
of his Eu-
nuches.

* Ezra. 7. 14.

[†] Hebr. what
to doe?

[†] Hebr.
found.

^{||} Or, violet.

^{||} Or, of por-
phyre, and
marble, and
alabaster,
and stone of
blew colour.

[†] Hebr. wine
of the king-
dome.